

# Kayla Race

## Associate

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Kayla advises clients on environmental, energy, and natural resources regulatory compliance and project development.

Kayla assists clients in a variety of industries with their environmental, energy, natural resources, land use, and sustainability matters. This includes helping energy and natural resources clients, among others, navigate compliance with state and federal environmental regulations and permitting, electric utility laws, land use policies, environmental and climate disclosure requirements, carbon offsets standards, and mineral exploration rules. Kayla also advises on contractual matters, environmental due diligence, issues involving split-estates (separate mineral and surface ownership), eminent domain issues, and other project development needs.

Kayla's career as an attorney is aided by her experience shaping municipal and state climate, energy, and environmental justice policy in her work prior to law school for community-based environmental non-profit organizations in southern California and for the Massachusetts House of Representatives Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change. In particular, Kayla draws from her experience advising the City of San Diego on the development of its Climate Action Plan as a member (appointed by the City Council) of the City's Economic and Environmental Sustainability Task Force. She also served as a member of the Regional Energy Working Group for the San Diego Association of Governments and participated in the Port of San Diego's climate committee and environmental advisory committee. Kayla also represented an environmental justice non-profit in intervening in California Public Utilities Commission proceedings.

Kayla's law practice is further benefitted by her experiences during law school as an intern for the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of the Solicitor and for the Salt Lake City Attorney's Office, as a law student clerk for a national non-profit environmental law organization and for a local law firm, and as research fellow for the University of Utah's

## Education

- University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 2020)
  - Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Highest Honors, Order of the Coif, *Utah Law Review* Editor-in-Chief
- Middlebury College (B.A., 2008)
  - *cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- Utah

## Select Experience

- Advised electric utility on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rules, Energy Information Administration rules, state laws, and federal statutes including the Federal Power Act and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, on matters relating to electricity generation, wholesale power purchasing, distribution, energy storage (including molten salt), and wholesale transmission (including rights of first refusal to construct and operate transmission infrastructure).
- Advised solar energy developments, wind energy developments, and pumped hydro energy storage developments on licensing, permitting, land leasing, and other land use authorization rules of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), FERC, state environmental agencies, and local land use authorities.
- Advised agricultural and forestry clients on voluntary carbon credits standards, practices, contracts, and carbon sequestration tax credits.
- Assisted utility company with state public utilities commission electricity rate case and gas rate case expert testimony drafting and commission rules.

## Clerkships

- Utah Supreme Court, Justice John Pearce, 2020–2021

## Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

## Additional Information

- *A Perfect Storm: Environmental Justice & Air Quality Impacts of Offshore Oil & Gas Development in the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf*, 38 UCLA J. ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 105 (2020)
- *A Tale of Two Portlands: How Port Cities Can Survive Dormant Commerce Clause Challenges to Fossil Fuel Shipping Restrictions*, 26 UC HASTINGS ENVTL. L. J. 81 (2020) (Second Prize, American Planning Association, Planning and Law Division's 36th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition)
- John Ruple & Kayla Race, *Measuring the NEPA Litigation Burden*, 50 ENVTL. L. 479 (2020)

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## Insights

October 16, 2025

**CARB Seeks Public Comment and Delays Rulemaking on California Climate Reporting Laws, While Statutory Deadlines Loom**

November 6, 2024

**Energy Law: Month in Review - October 2024**

June 7, 2024

**Energy Law: Month in Review - May 2024**

May 6, 2024

**Climate Change Disclosures—How Regulatory Compliance Leads to Future Litigation Risks**

April 11, 2024

**Megan Houdeshel and Kayla Race Discuss Recent Climate Disclosure Laws and Regulations on the Ag Law in the Field Podcast**

March 12, 2024

**Megan Houdeshel and Kayla Race Contribute to Power Magazine Article on California's Sweeping New Climate Disclosure Laws**

March 12, 2024

**Get Ready For California's Three Sweeping New Climate Disclosure Laws**

October 17, 2023

**How California's Sweeping New Climate Laws May Impact Your Business**

May 26, 2023

**Supreme Court Limits the Clean Water Act's Reach**

December 10, 2021

**Power Plants May Not Get Certainty in SCOTUS EPA Authority Case**